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September 22, 1995

Mr. Cliff Kirchof Schlumberger Services, Inc. 205 Industrial Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77478

Dear Mr. Kirchof:

Attached please find the Twelvemile Creek Corbicula Tissue Study report. This study was conducted as a part of the annual aquatic monitoring of the Twelvemile Creek/Lake Hartwell OU2. The results of the study indicate the present relative rate of PCB bioaccumulation in various locations of the Twelvemile Creek watershed. Bioaccumulation was greatest near the Sangamo-Weston discharge in Town Creek and was progressively less in Twelvemile Creek downstream to the backwater of Lake Hartwell. At the backwater location (Maw Bridge) the bioaccumulation was second highest of the six stations sampled.

Bioaccumulation was not observed in Wolf Creek, however, a slight amount of PCB bioaccumulation was detected in Twelvemile Creek upstream of the confluence with Town Creek.

If you have any questions concerning this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

James R. Orr Senior Biologist

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TWELVEMILE CREEK CORBICULA TISSUE STUDY AUGUST 1995

Prepared for Schlumberger Industries, Inc.

September 21, 1995

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A corbicula tissue study was conducted at six locations in the Twelvemile Creek watershed, as a part of the annual monitoring of the Sangamo Weston/Twelvemile Creek/Lake Hartwell PCB Contamination Superfund Site - Operable Unit Two. The purpose of the study was to determine the relative rate of bioaccumulation of PCBs in corbicula at various locations in the watershed.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The six sample locations selected in this study were identical to those recommended in the Final Record of Decision dated June, 1994. These locations are depicted in Figure 1. Corbicula utilized in the study were collected from Spencer Creek in Williamson County, Tennessee on July 13, 1995 and held in the ERM-Southeast biomonitoring laboratory until July 18, when they were transported to the Twelvemile Creek watershed. A total of 300 to 350 organisms were collected July 13 and maintained in the laboratory for observation. The organisms were collected from a size range of 15 to 30 millimeters, measuring longitudinally across the shell from branchial opening to foot opening. A total of 20 organisms were sacrificed July 13 and tissues were removed from the shell and frozen to establish the background concentration. The total wet weight of the 20 organisms was approximately 10 grams. During the five-day holding period, less than 1% of the organisms died.

On July 18, organisms were transported to the site in large coolers. Upon arrival at Twelvemile Creek, approximately 25 organisms were placed in each of two wire baskets at each location. Baskets were tied to permanent structures in areas of moderately rapid flow, deep water and shade.

After the 28-day incubation period, the corbicula were collected from the sample locations on August 16, 1995. All baskets were recovered, with the number of live corbicula ranging from 18 to 27 per site. Organisms were removed from the baskets and counted on-site (live and dead), with the live organisms wrapped in aluminum foil, placed in a plastic bag and preserved on ice during transport back to the ERM laboratory for dissection. Tissues were dissected from the shell of each organism composited, and weighed (wet weight) prior to shipping to Northeast Analytical (NEA) in Schenectady, New York for analysis.

3.0 RESULTS

The results of analyses of the seven tissue samples are summarized in Table 1. Seven specific Aroclor compounds are reported by the analytical method with only two detected in the corbicula tissue. The two Aroclors detected were 1248 and

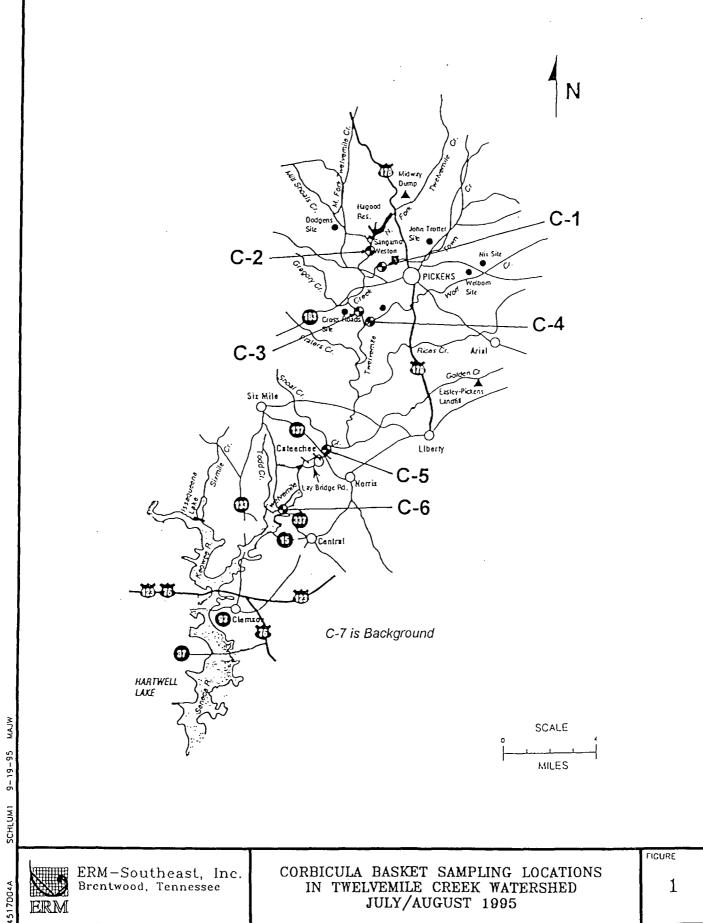


TABLE 1

SCHLUMBERGER INDUSTRIES, INC. OU-2 STUDY 1995 CORBICULA TISSUE ANALYSES

Station		Aroclor	Identifica	tion and	PCB Cor	Aroclor Identification and PCB Concentration (mg/kg)	(mg/kg)	
No.	1016	1221	1232	1242	1248	1254	1260	Total
C-1: Town Creek downstream of Sangamo Weston	<0.84	<0.84	<0.84	<0.84	8.06	2.08	<0.84	10.1
C-2: Twelvemile Creek upstream of Town Creek	<0.116	<0.116	<0.116	<0.116	0.161	<0.116	<0.116	0.161
C-3: Twelvemile Creek at Algood Bridge	89.0>	<0.68	<0.68	89.0>	4.29	1.56	<0.68	5.85
C-4: Wolf Creek	<0.18	<0.18	1	<0.18	<0.18	<0.18	<0.18	<0.18
C-4: Duplicate	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165	<0.165
C-5: Twelvemile Creek at 137 Bridge	<0.417	<0.417	<0.417	<0.417		0.93	<0.417	2.15
C-6: Twelvemile Creek at Maw Bridge (Hwy 337)	<0.592	<0.592	<0.592	<0.592	3.72	3.09	<0.592	6.81
C-7: Corbicula from Spencer Creek, Williamson								
County, TN - Stock Source	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142	<0.142

1254, which were detected in five of the seven samples. PCBs were not detected in the background sample, C-7, with a detection limit of 0.142 mg/kg. PCBs were also not detected in corbicula tissues at station C-4, Wolf Creek. The Wolf Creek sample was tested in duplicate with detection limits of 0.18 mg/kg and 0.165 mg/kg. The highest concentrations of PCBs were detected in corbicula tissue downstream of the Sangamo Weston facility in Town Creek at 10.1 mg/kg and appeared to decrease in concentration in Twelvemile Creek downstream from C-1 to C-5 (137 Bridge) to a concentration of 2.15 mg/kg. At C-6, Maw Bridge (Highway 337), the PCB concentration in corbicula tissue increased to 6.81 mg/kg. The PCB concentration in corbicula tissue at the Twelvemile Creek background location (C-2) was 0.161 mg/kg, which is slightly higher than the detection limit of 0.116 mg/kg.

Corbicula are known to bioaccumulate contaminants at a very rapid rate and lack the enzymes necessary for depuration of PCBs from their tissues. The data from this study indicate the relative rates of bioaccumulation of PCBs in the Twelvemile Creek watershed. Bioaccummulation rates appear to be highest near the Sangano Weston discharge C-1, and at Maw Bridge where Twelvemile Creek starts to enter Lake Hartwell, siltation increases significantly, and PCB concentrations in sediment are higher than upstream.

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CUSTOMER ID:

C-1

NEA ID:

956912

SAMPLE MATRIX: TISSUE, CORBICULA

DATE SAMPLED:

08/16/95 TIME: N/A

DATE RECEIVED: 08/18/95 TIME:

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DATE TESTED:

08/31/95

SAMPLED BY:

N/A

LOCATION:

SCHLUM, PROJECT #4517

12 MILE CREEK

CUSTOMER PO#:

N/A

LAB ELAP #:

#11078

SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.840
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.840
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.840
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.840
AROCLOR 1248	8.06
AROCLOR 1254	2.08
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.840
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	10.1

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CUSTOMER ID:

C-2

NEA ID:

956913

SAMPLE MATRIX: TISSUE, CORBICULA

DATE SAMPLED:

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#11078

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AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.116
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.116
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.116
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.116
AROCLOR 1248	0.161
AROCLOR 1254	< 0.116
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.116
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	0.161

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CUSTOMER ID:

NEA ID:

956914

SAMPLE MATRIX: TISSUE, CORBICULA

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SAMPLED BY:

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LOCATION:

SCHLUM, PROJECT #4517

12 MILE CREEK

CUSTOMER PO#: N/A LAB ELAP #:

#11078

SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.680
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.680
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.680
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.680
AROCLOR 1248	4.29
AROCLOR 1254	1.56
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.680
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	5.85

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956915

SAMPLE MATRIX: TISSUE, CORBICULA

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CUSTOMER PO#:

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LAB ELAP #:

#11078

SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1248	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1254	< 0.180
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.180
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	0

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C-4/DUPLICATE

NEA ID:

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SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1248	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1254	< 0.165
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.165
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	0

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CUSTOMER ID:

C-5

NEA ID:

956916

SAMPLE MATRIX: TISSUE, CORBICULA

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CUSTOMER PO#:

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SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.417
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.417
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.417
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.417
AROCLOR 1248	1.22
AROCLOR 1254	0.930
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.417
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	2.15

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SW-846 METHOD 8080: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

AROCLOR IDENTIFICATION	PCB CONCENTRATION {μg/g}
AROCLOR 1016	< 0.592
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.592
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.592
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.592
AROCLOR 1248	3.72
AROCLOR 1254	3.09
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.592
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	6.81

Note: Aroclor 1248 exhibited an altered chromatographic pattern.

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CUSTOMER ID: C-7

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AROCLOR 1016	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1221	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1232	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1242	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1248	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1254	< 0.142
AROCLOR 1260	< 0.142
TOTAL PCB RESULTS > PQL	. 0

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